WHEATON PUBLIC LIBRARY - 1955
HISTORY

WHEATON HISTORICAL COLLECTION
ADAMS MEM. LIBRARY
WHEATON, ILL.

Pamphlet

THIS IS *Your* LIBRARY!

WHEATON PUBLIC LIBRARY

WESLEY & MAIN
WHEATON 8-1374

OPEN 10:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
SATURDAY

CLOSED WEDNESDAYS IN SUMMER

"TO BRING BOOKS AND PEOPLE TOGETHER"

General

The services and facilities of the Library are free to all residents of Wheaton. A non-resident card for use of the entire family may be obtained for a nominal fee.

With the exception of those stamped "7 Day," books may be borrowed for a period of two weeks—and renewed by telephone. Recent fiction from the rental shelves circulates for two cents a day for a one-week book, one cent a day for a two-weeks book.

Magazines may be borrowed for one week.

Books and Magazines

Do you realize that your Library contains 30,000 volumes, 70% of which are adult books, 30% juvenile? Or that it offers for your perusal seventy-five magazines, five newspapers and innumerable pamphlets?

If a book is out, you may go on the waiting list and be notified by telephone when it is available. Requests for the purchase of new books by the Library are given special consideration. Books not owned by the Library may be borrowed from the Illinois State Library through inter-library loan. See the Librarian about this.

Reference Service

You may call the Librarian for special information, and she will make what research is possible to answer your question.

The Record Collection

You'll find the Library a convenient place to borrow records for home use. A large number of record albums are available for circulation at ten cents an album for a two-weeks period.

Extra Services

During the year your Librarian gives numerous book reviews, readings and literary talks to local schools and other groups. School classes, visiting the Library, are shown how to make the best use of its many facilities.

Library Events

Art Exhibit. Each month in winter you'll find a different exhibit of paintings or other art in the Reading Room—an activity sponsored by the Illinois Society of Fine Arts.

Discussion Groups. In cooperation with the Friends of the Library, your Library sponsors a Great Books course. There is also an American Heritage discussion group carried on under the same joint sponsorship.

Memorial Books

Each year many books are given the Library in memory of friends or relatives. The Library places a suitable Memorial Book Plate in such a gift volume as a dedication.

Friends of The Library

This helpful organization represents a large percentage of Wheaton's civic, philanthropic and social activities. It raises extra funds which it turns over to the Library for book purchases. Several times a year it arranges for book reviews, or other appropriate literary evenings, to which the public is freely welcome.

To become a member of the Friends of the Library costs a minimum annual fee of one dollar, although many members contribute more. In consequence, the membership of this representative group includes an unique cross-section of our populace.

A Page From History

Your Library, originally known as Adams Memorial Library, was founded in 1891 by John Quincy Adams in memory of his wife. For over thirty years the institution was supported by income from trust funds left by Mr. Adams and his daughter, the late Katherine Adams Wells.

In 1922 an agreement was entered into between the Adams Board and the Wheaton Public Library whereby the City of Wheaton assumed general operation of the Library through a city-appointed Board of Trustees. The Adams Board still maintains the building structure, and purchases reference books. In addition, it recently has undertaken the collection and preservation of local historical data.

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